

Minutes – March 7, 2014
Live Oak Board of Trustees Meeting
David & Lisa Fry's apartment

Board Members Present: Jay Roller, Kathryn Duke, Roger Hallsten, Renee Harper

Board Members Absent: Kate Hand

Others Present: David Fry, Lisa Fry

Jay called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m., with a quorum present.

Renee did an opening reading and lit the chalice.

1. **Treasurer's Report.** David summarized our current situation and answered some questions about the labels used for some of the categories in the budget documents. There was talk of training people to help David do the work of bookkeeping and budget preparation.
2. **Approve Agenda and Minutes:** The following additions to the board agenda were suggested and approved unanimously: thinking about a retreat sometime this year; creating a new and improved banner for Live Oak.

ACTION: The board unanimously approved the minutes from our last meeting.

3. **CEC Liaison meeting report.** We Live Oak members on the CEC liaison committee will bring to next week's meeting a discussion about whether their youth group could start at 6:30pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

4. **Pastoral Care update.** One of our member's father died, and there is discussion about people reaching out to support her.
5. **Vision for Next 5 Years.** The group spent a good amount of time brainstorming ideas for moving forward during our next 5 years of congregational life. These included moving toward having a regular minister, having Adult Religious Exploration activities open to the community, involving kids (at Live Oak, at APC) in music, focusing on Harvey Milk Day activities, targeting certain communities (LGBT, interracial and interfaith marriages, co-housing), reaching out more proactively to Alameda's three local newspapers.
6. **Stewardship Committee.** Nothing new to report.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

7. **Welcoming Congregation.** UUA has now approved us as a Welcoming Congregation!
8. **Child safety.** Live Oak is still working on a disaster plan re children.
9. **Alameda Point Collaborative.** Nothing new to report.
10. **Every Sunday Programming.** ARE is now responsible for Second Sunday activities.
11. **Retreat.** Last year was the first time the board did a one-day retreat/workshop focusing on our role within the congregation. Everyone on the board wants to do one again, maybe focusing on strategies for growth. A Leadership Retreat not limited to board members.
12. **New Live Oak Banner.** Lisa and Renee are working on creating about new Live Oak banner for District Assembly and other uses while we're at CEC or in the July 4 parade.

Renee gave a closing reading. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

--Respectfully submitted by Kathryn Sáenz Duke, Secretary of the Board of Trustees

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